IV.—NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

MR. PRESIDENT:—"What about the next meeting of the House?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"It all depends upon the amount of legislative work that would have been finished in the other House, Sir."

MR. PRESIDENT:—"Are you bringing your Endowments Bill in the next session?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"No, Sir. I think, the other House will finish its business on the 6th January."

MR. PRESIDENT:—"My only wish is that Mr. Mavalankar should see the Legislature session doing business. The other House is not able to wait for him. Why not at least we give him an opportunity?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"Why can't we have a joint session of both the Houses of Legislature, Sir, and welcome him?"

MR. PRESIDENT:—"I have no objection. I will be only too glad. But I think that there are some technical objections. I believe that a joint session can be held only when His Excellency is addressing. If, however, it is possible and if the Leader of the House can manage to have a joint session, it is allright. However, it is necessary that the Legislature must do some work. Mr. Mavalankar wants to see the legislative work that is conducted here. So there is no point in mere reception.

"I have consulted Mr. Varma also. I learn that in the other House they have finished 7 clauses or so of the Panchayat Bill."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"Sir, I think the Panchayat Bill will be discussed in the other House on the 5th, 6th and 7th of January. Anyhow, before the Pongal holidays, it is expected to be over. However, I find in the programme that there will be a meeting on the 11th or 12th January in connexion with some elections to the Constituent Assembly. If we meet after the Pongal holidays, it is not desirable to prolong the session for a long period. The closing date of the session must be as far away from 26th January as possible, as we may have other important work to do before 26th January. I think Mr. Mavalankar is due in Madras on the 21st or 22nd. Although he comes to the Madras Province earlier, he is visiting various places in the Province and is arriving here on the 21st or 22nd."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"I think we may meet on the 18th January."

MR. PRESIDENT:—"It is better we meet on the 20th January as that would give Mr. Mavalankar an opportunity to see the House doing business."

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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, we are not sure how many days it will take for us to finish the Bill."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think we can finish it in one or two days."

MRS. MONA HENSMAN :—" When are we meeting next, Sir? "

VOICES :—" We can have the next session on the 19th January, Sir."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think we can try to keep the House till he comes. General discussion on consideration of the various clauses may take some time. We can meet on the 19th."

I now adjourn the House to meet again at 11 a.m. on 19th January 1950.

The House then adjourned at 12-15 p.m. to meet again on 19th January 1950.

V.—PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

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